

(F) The Commission [shall have] HAS full and complete jurisdiction over all fire hydrants connected with its water system and [no] A person, firm or corporation [shall] MAY NOT operate, use, or make connection with the same without the written authority of the Commission[, excepting that no restrictions shall]. RESTRICTIONS DO NOT apply to any bona fide fire department in the discharge of its duties. [No] A person, firm, or corporation [shall] MAY NOT tamper with, deface, damage, or obstruct any fire hydrant. Any violation of any of the provisions of this section [shall be] IS a misdemeanor punishable under Section 28-24 [of this subtitle]. (1957 Code, sec. 542. 1957, ch. 694, sec. 888; 1961, ch. 743, sec. 542.)

28-16. Assessments in aid of construction.

(A) [Whenever] IF the Commission [shall determine] FINDS that it is not financially feasible or economical to pay the entire cost of a sewerage system from the proceeds of bonds issued under Sections 28-7 or 28-8 [of this subtitle], it may impose upon[,] and collect from[,] all properties in a sub-district[,] THAT ARE connected or [to] WILL be connected [with such] TO THE sewerage system[, an assessment to pay for a portion of the cost of the facilities in [such] THE sewerage system which[, in the judgment of] the Commission[, BELIEVES are necessary for [the] ITS operation [thereof] and which serve or will serve all properties connected [therewith] WITH IT, including sewerage treatment plants, disposal fields, lagoons, pumping stations, outfall, tank and intercepting sewers. [Said] THE assessment shall:

(1) [be] BE known as an assessment in aid of construction[,];

(2) [shall be] BE uniform in amount as to all properties in the sub-district[,];

(3) [shall be] BE imposed [upon] ON all properties connected with [said] THE sewerage system at the time of assessment and on each property which may be [so] connected [thereafter,] AFTERWARDS;

(4) [shall be] BE payable in a lump sum or in equal annual instalments over a period not exceeding [five] 5 years, with interest on unpaid balances at a rate not exceeding [six per centum (6%) per annum,] 6 PERCENT;

(5) [shall have] HAVE the same lien and priority as is provided for special benefit assessments in Section 28-12 [of this subtitle,]; and

(6) [shall be] BE certified to[, and collected by, the County Treasurer, and [by him] remitted BY HIM to the Commission as collected, all in accordance with the procedure prescribed in [said] Section 28-12.